

### **Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the following paragraph as follows:

[0039] In a preferred aspect, the PARP inhibitor is useful in the treatment of cancer cells defective in the expression of a gene involved in HR. Genes with suggested function in HR include XRCC1, ADPRT (PARP-1), ADPRTL2, (PARP02) CTPS, RPA, RPA1, RPA2, RPA3, XPD, ERCC1, XPF, MMS19, RAD51, RAD51 $\beta$ , RAD51C, RAD51D, DMC1, XRCCR, XRCC3, BRCA1, BRCA2, RAD52, RAD54, RAD50, MRE11, NB51, WRN, BLM KU70, [[RU80]] KU80, ATM, ATR CHK1, CHK2, FANCA, FANCB, FANCC, FANCD1, FANCD2, FANCE, FANCF, FANCG, FANCC, FANCD1, FANCD2, FANCE, FANCF, FANCG, RAD1, RAD9 [See (2, 3, 5, 22-28) for reviews].